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SUBJ: GVN BREAK WITH SENEGAL

REF: SAIGON 14408 NOTAL

1. GVN'S DECISION BREAK RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL ANNOUNCED
IN SAIGON BEFORE NOTE ON THAT SUBJECT DELIVERED GOS FOREIGN
MINISTRY BY GVN CHARGE NHAN. AUGUST 15, HOLIDAY HERE AND
INSTRUCTIONS FROM SAIGON NOT RECEIVED UNTIL AUGUST 14.
MALADROIT TIMING HAS PROVOKED ADVERSE PRESS COMMENT BUT NO
FURTHER SENEGALESE REACTION.

2. IN DISCUSSING BREAK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK,
NHAN ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM GVN, PROPOSED HIS GOVERNMENT BE
PERMITTED RETAIN AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN JAKAR. SECK
INSISTED GOS DID NOT WISH SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEPART AND
COUNTERED WITH PROPOSAL THAT GVN RETAIN A CONSULATE.
APPARENTLY GOS HAD THOUGHT OUT ITS POSITION IN ADVANCE FOR
FOREIGN MINISTER QUITE CLEAR ON GOS PREFERENCE FOR CONSULATE.
VIETNAMESE EMBASSY HAS CABLED SAIGON FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

3. FOR THE RECORD, GVN AMISSARY TOAN WAS ABLE TO SEE
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PRESIDENT SENGHOR WEEK TO TEN DAYS AGO. LATTER MADE

CLEAR, HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT GO BACK ON HIS PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED DECISION TO RECOGNIZE.

4. IF CONSULAR RELATIONS OR INFORMATION OFFICE
SOLUTION NOT WORKED OUT, GVN EMBASSY WILL TRANSFER TO
LIBERIA WITHIN MONTH. ASSANA SECK TOLD EMBASSY STAFF
TAKE THEIR TIME SINCE GOS DID NOT WISH THEM DEPART
ANYWAY.

5. GVN EMBOFF BELIEVES ALTHOUGH HIS FOREIGN OFFICE
FLEXIBLE ON SUCH MATTER THIEU HIMSELF WILL MAKE DECISION
AND HE OFTEN TENDS BE MORE RIGID. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
TO GVN'S ADVANTAGE TO ACCEPT GOS PROPOSAL.
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